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Paula – do you want me to send this or do you want to? Lisa was surprised I was getting the info for the JIC who sits across the hall from her. There is no additional update for today – it's only from yesterday's SITREP – so it's the most current we have (and is pre-approved by UC).

Here's the latest info from Region 8. This document is generated in Durango by Lisa Lloyd in the UC and is typically completed and approved by the UC in the afternoon and covers the activities of the prior day. I've asked her to include Nancy Grantham on her email list. I understand the Area Command is also generating an executive summary – not sure who does that but the JIC should get it!

EPA Region 8 currently has 86 staff and contractors working on the response in Colorado. Note to JIC: you should combine the resources and give a total for Area Command rather than list out each region's resources in the update).

The EPA is conducting private well water sampling as needed and calling those residents sampled to provide the analytical results. Based on the sample results reported as of 8/17/2015, seven out of 105 private wells sampled had some exceedance of drinking water standards. These samples were taken from the well head and not the tap. It is unclear if the exceedances were caused by the mine release. Follow up work at the wells that exceeding drinking water standards include: flushing the well; resampling at the well; and taking an additional tap water sample for analysis.

Most recent discharge flow rate at the mine site was at 544 gallons per minute (gpm).

The CDPHE plans to demobilize on 8/19/2015 and will return to the normally scheduled watershed sampling in the area.

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